

Tick-borne encephalitis: From epidemiology to vaccination recommendations in 2007. New issues--best practices

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Abstract:

The 9th annual meeting of the International Scientific Working Group on Tick-Borne Encephalitis (ISW TBE) was entitled "Tick-borne encephalitis: from epidemiology to vaccination recommendations in 2007, new issues--best practices". Over the past three decades, TBE has become a growing public health challenge in Europe and other parts of the world. Between 1974 and 2003, the number of reported clinical TBE cases increased by an appalling 400 %, the only exception having been Austria. This increase is the result of a complex interplay of social, economic, political, ecological and climatic factors, the relative weight of which is not easily quantifiable. Important projects and issues for the future work of the ISW TBE have been identified, such as implementing a standardized TBE case definition, raising awareness of TBE among travellers, availability of rapid immunization schemes, increasing vaccination rates in endemic countries, and publishing information on TBE cases.

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Resource Description

Communication: M

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

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Communication Audience: M

audience to whom the resource is directed

Health Professional, Researcher

Exposure: M

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Ecosystem Changes, Human Conflict/Displacement, Temperature

Temperature: Fluctuations

Geographic Feature: M

resource focuses on specific type of geography

Climate Change and Human Health Literature Portal

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location: M

resource focuses on specific location

Non-United States

Non-United States: Europe

European Region/Country: European Region

Other European Region: western europe; central europe

Health Impact: M

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Infectious Disease

Infectious Disease: Vectorborne Disease

Vectorborne Disease: Tick-borne Disease

Tick-borne Disease: Tick-borne Encephalitis

Intervention: M

strategy to prepare for or reduce the impact of climate change on health

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Medical Community Engagement:

resource focus on how the medical community discusses or acts to address health impacts of climate change

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Resource Type: M

format or standard characteristic of resource

Research Article

Timescale: M

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified

Vulnerability/Impact Assessment: M

resource focus on process of identifying, quantifying, and prioritizing vulnerabilities in a system

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